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SUBJECT: ICCS: CONTINUUM ON INVESTIGATIONS

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1. IN LONG CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 21, IRDEL AMB
SADRI DESCRIBED PRESENT STATE OF PLAY AND PROJECTED MOVES BEING
CONSIDERED BY ICCS ON HOLD-UP OF INVESTIGATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE
VIOLATIONS.

2. SADRI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS EFFORTS TO MOVE ICCS INTO
RESUMPTION OF INVESTIGATIONS, PARTICULARLY DURING HIS DECEMBER
CHAIXANSHIP, HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED. THE DECEMBER 28 ORDER FROM
ICCS MILIRARY COMMITTEE TO ALL REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS HAD NOT
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BEEN IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS INSISTED THAT

SECURITY GUARANTEES BE OBTAINED FROM BOTH SOUTH VIETNAM PARTIES BEFORE INVESTIGATIONS COULD BE BEGUN. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS IN TEHRAN AND WITH THE SHAH IN SWITZERLAND, SADRI HAD ATTEMPTED TO SOLVE THE STALEMATE BY PROPOSING THAT PARTY

REQUESTING INVESTIGATION PROVIDE SECURITY GUARANTEE TO ICCS WHICH WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. IF AREA WHERE INVESTIGATION WAS TO TAKE PLACE WAS IN DISPUTE OR WAS SUBJECT TO FORCE FROM OTHER PARTY, THEN SECURITY GUARANTEE FROM BOTH SIDES WOULD BE REQUESTED WITHIN 10 DAYS. IF ICCS WAS NOT SATISFIED TO PROCEED WITHOUT GUARANTEE FROM BOTH SIDES, COMMISSION WOULD CLOSE THE BOOKS ON THAT INCIDENT AND REPORT SIMPLY THAT NO INVESTIGATION WAS POSSIBLE. THIS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF PERMITTING THE ICCS TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY INTO INVESTIGATING A LARGE NUMBER OF REQUESTS, AND HE EXPECTED THOSE INCIDENTS WHERE NO INVESTIGATION COULD BE MADE WOULD BE SMALL IN NUMBER.

3. SADRI SAID THAT POLDEL AMB KULAGA WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THIS PROPOSAL BUT HUNGARIAN AMB LORINCZ-NAGY, FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN, ADAMANTLY REFUSED TO CONSIDER IT, INSISTING THAT GUARANTEES FROM BOTH PARTIES AND PARTICIPATION IN INVESTIGATIONS FROM LIAISON OFFICERS FROM BOTH PARTIES WERE REQUIRED IN ALL INVESTIGATIONS.

4. IN EFFORT TO MOVE OUT OF THIS IMPASSE, SADRI SAID HE HAD THEN PROPOSED THAT PROBLEM OF SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR INVESTIGATIONS BE HANDED OVER TO TWO PARTIES. SADRI SAID TWO PARTIES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANTING SUCH GUARANTEES AND ICCS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BEAR THE ONUS FOR HOLDING UP INVESTIGATIONS AS CALLED FOR IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT. IN PLENARY SESSIONS ON FEBRUARY 19 AND 20, ICCS HAD AGREED THAT HUNGARIAN CHAIRMAN SHOULD CONTACT THE TWO PARTIES AND DISCUSS SECURITY GUARANTEES. CHAIRMAN WAS ASKED TO REPORT RESULT OF CONSULTATION WITH TWO PARTIES AT NEXT REGULAR PLENARY, SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 26. UNTIL THIS ISSUE WAS RESOLVED IN ICCS, SADRI SAID IRDEL WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE QTE OBSERVATIONS UNQTE IN COOPERATION WITH INDODEL OF ALL INCIDENTS AND REQUESTS WHERE IT WAS PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE AND SAFE.

5. SADRI ALSO NOTED THAT HUNGARIAN AMB HAD DEMANDED IN RECENT MEETING THAT ICCS WITHDRAW FROM 6 SITES (PLEIKU, PHU CAT, CONFIDENTIAL

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CU CHI, BEN HET, KONTUM, AND GIONG TROM) WHICH WERE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE. AMBASSADOR LORINCZ-NAGY CLAIMED THAT IN THESE SITES GVN ARTILLERY BATTERIES ARE LOCATED NEAR ICCS FACILITIES WHICH ARE THEREFORE ENDANGERED BY EITHER THE POSSIBILITY* - MISFIRE OR COUNTERFIRE FROM THE PRG. SADRI SAID THAT NONE OF THE IRANIAN OFFICERS STATIONED AT ANY OF THESE SITES FEEL IN ANY WAY ENDANGERED. IN ORDER TO COUNTER HUNGARIAN PRESSURES FOR FURTHER WITHDRAWALS, SADRI SAID HE HAD PROPOSED AN ESTABLISHMENT OF

A MILITARY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO INSPECT EACH OF THE SITES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. THESE MIGHT INCLUDE A SUGGESTED MOVE OF THE ICCS SITE, A REQUEST THAT THE GVN MOVE THEIR ARTILLERY BARRERY, RECOMMENDATION THAT THE SITE BE MAINTAINED IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. THIS INVESTIGATION, DADRI SAID, HAS NOW BEGUN AND WHEN COMPLETED, THE MILIRARY COMMITTEE WILL PROCEED TO INVESTIGATE THE SECURITY SITUATION OF THE 5 SITES PREVIOUSLY EVACUATED BY HUNGARIANS AND POLES AND NOW MANNED BY INDONESIANS AND IRANIANS (VI THANH, QUAN LONG, MOC HOA, HONG NGU, AND DAN ME THUOT).

6. SADRI NOTED THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME AREA OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HUNGDEL AND POLDEL. EARLIER HE BELIEVED THAT THE HUNGARIANS HAD INSTITUTED A LOW PROFILE POLICY TO PERMIT THE POLES TO ASSUME A DOMINANT ROLE IN THE ICCS. HE SENSED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE NEW HUNGDEL AMB WISHED TO PUSH A MUCH STRONGER LINE ON SECURITY GUARANTEES EWD INVESTIGATIONS THAN AMB KULAGA. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS WAS MOST NOTICEABLE IN SPEECHES THE AMBASSADORS MADE DURING THE HANOI VISIT; THE THEN CHAIRMAN, KULAGA, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO HIS HANOI HOSTS FOR THE INVITATION TO THE ICCS AND THANKED THEM FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY ;
THE HUNGARIAN AMB, ON THE OTHER HAND, SAID THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT WERE COMMITTED TO FULL SUPPORT OF THE DRV AND PRG IN THE ICCS. SADRI ALSO SAID THAT HE SENSED SOME FRICTION INTER
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